

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1897.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The appointment of a committee from the City Council to confer with the County Board of Control in reference to the confiscation of the city's share of the dispensary profits is exactly right and timely. The people of Sumter want to know something more about the confiscation than they have yet ascertained, or the County and State Boards have seen fit to inform them. It seems to the writer that the County and State Boards, or one or the other of them, should have before this time conveyed to the City Council official notice of the determination to confiscate the city's share of the profits arising from the sale of liquor in this city. Sufficient time has elapsed since the confiscation was determined upon for the City Council to have been notified, and it is difficult to assign a reason for the failure of the State Board to give this notice. We do not regard this confiscation exactly in the light of a species of brigandage, and it is not necessary for the confiscators to make away with the plunder in secrecy, without notice to the despoiled and without leaving their names and address. If the State Board has cause for confiscating the profits that have heretofore been paid over to the city, there is no need for concealment. But we contend that it is but the merest justice to the people of Sumter that their representatives, the city council, should be notified and given an opportunity to make a showing. In other words, the county board of control should be required to meet the representatives of the city council and produce proof that there is cause for confiscating the dispensary profits. If there is no other and better reason for the confiscation than renting the store in the city hall to an original package dealer, then no tenable ground for the action of the board of control exists.

The board may as well go ahead and confiscate the share of every town in the State in which an original package agency is in operation, for if it is illegal for the City Council, as the agent of a property owner, to rent a store to said agent, then it is illegal for any property owner in any town to rent any store to any original package dealer. The cause for the confiscation assigned by the County Board of Control is no cause at all, and the State Board in approving the recommendation of the County Board has misused the power granted it by the Legislature.

The City Council should pursue the matter until a satisfactory explanation is given. If the action of the Board of Control is sustained by law, we shall have no further criticism to make, but we want it fully established that the confiscation is legal, and not a mere high handed and arbitrary abuse of power before we shall be willing to hold our peace. We are willing to submit to even a very bad law with some degree of complacency and resignation, being supported therein by the hope of a change in the law for the better at some time in the future, but we must be pretty well satisfied that the law is being enforced and not a strained and far fetched construction of it.

Negro Hanged and Shot for Assaulting a Lady.

Lewisdale, S. S., Dec. 19.—Last Friday evening a negro went to the house of David Keisler, a respectable young white man who lives six miles north of this place, and asked Mr. Keisler's wife for a piece of bread, which she gave him. She was in the house alone, about two hours afterwards, when she was suddenly seized by the throat and choked by some one who slipped up from behind her. Mrs. Keisler succeeded in screaming, and her screams were heard by a family of negroes who lived close by, whereupon her assailant fled. This morning the body of an unknown negro was found about five miles north of here hanging to a tree by the public road, his body riddled with bullets.

This occurred in one of the most peaceable and law-abiding neighborhoods in Lexington county.—Columbia Register.

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CRIME IN THE STATE

The News and Courier on yesterday published an extended report of the homicides committed in this state during the present year. The report was made up by counties, and in this tabulation of bloodshed Charleston headed the list with eighteen, followed by Aiken with sixteen and then Saluda and Sumter with fourteen homicides each. The total number of homicides in the State during the year is placed at something more than two hundred.

The record is terrible and is sufficient to appall the man who seriously considers the conditions that make such a record possible. We are held responsible by the world at large for this blood guiltiness, and by the white people of the State are referred to and not the negroes. The negroes who constitute a majority of the population and commit at least seventy-five per cent of the crimes are not considered at all when the self-righteous critics of other sections assail the South for the prevalence of bloodshed, violence and lawlessness. The white people are denounced just as if they committed the crimes recorded against the South, and as if they enjoyed and gloried in the prevalence of criminality that it is their misfortune to be surrounded with. We do not assert that the white people of South Carolina are blameless, for they kill too readily and hold human life far too cheaply, but we protest against the sweeping and unjust censure that they receive for the crimes of the ignorant and vicious among the negroes. The lot of the Southern whites is not an enviable one, and it is, we know, impossible for our critics to give us even a meed of justice, without a fuller and more intelligent conception of our circumstances and environments; but we think that the generality of criticisms are inspired by malice, tinted with venom and permeated through and through by ignorance, rather than intelligence and the charity that hopes for better things.

The News and Courier in compiling the report of homicides in the State fell short of its opportunity and far short of its duty to the people it represents. This report of murder and homicides should have been, in so far as possible, a complete and reliable exhibit of the crimes, showing in each case whether the slayer was a white or a negro, whether the killing was justifiable or not, and the penalty imposed by the courts, in every instance that a trial had been held. Such an exhibit would have furnished no ground for a wholesale denunciation of the people of South Carolina, but would have given our venomous critics food for reflection, and might have opened the eyes of a few of them to a partial realization of the conditions that we contend against.

As an illustration let us take the homicide record of Sumter County:

Grant Davis, colored, was killed in a free fight at an Emancipation celebration by Simon Cooper, colored.

Benjamin Wilson, Wesley Wilson and Mrs. Wesley Wilson, all white, killed by Simon Cooper, colored. Motive supposed to have been robbery and a desire to escape from officers who had been pursuing him for the murder of Grant Davis.

Preston Smith, colored, killed by Simon Cooper, colored, while escaping from the scene of the Wilson murder.

Simon Cooper, colored, lynched by a mob of white people.

Henry Cooper, colored, killed by John W. McCoy, white. Verdict of coroners' jury, justifiable homicide, as Cooper attacked McCoy after having made threats on several occasions to kill him. McCoy did not shoot Cooper with intent to kill, but in the thigh, and he did not die from the effects of the wound until several weeks had elapsed.

Jerry Mack, colored, killed by John Blaylock, colored, while at work in a field. Mack was the aggressor and had the reputation of being a desperate man. Blaylock was acquitted after a fair trial.

Jim Boone, colored, killed by Henry Carter, colored. Carter was convicted of murder, with a recommendation to the mercy of the court. Penitentiary for life.

Harvey Taylor, colored, killed by Lynum Williams, colored, who was acquitted on the plea of insanity.

Ben H. Hill, white, killed by Ben Britton, white, in a row about Hill's wife. Britton fled the country and is still at large.

Aleck Haynsworth, colored, killed by Henry Burrows, colored, with a billet of wood. In jail awaiting trial.

J. W. Lee, white, killed by Charles

Williams, a trusted negro servant, robbery the motive. In jail awaiting trial.

Mingo Thompson, colored, killed by unknown parties. George Elliott and Wallace Brown, both negroes, in jail under suspicion.

This is the murder record for Sumter County for the year, and while it is terrible, no matter how stated, we think that when stated as above it does not make such a damning indictment against the white people of the county as the bald statement in the News and Courier. If the record of that devil, Simon Cooper, could be eliminated, the showing would not be so bad, yet it would be far and away worse than the average record of the county for the past ten or twenty years.

We people of South Carolina are bad enough, blood-guilty enough and far too disregardful of the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the law, but we should not advertise ourselves as worse than we are by telling half of the truth.

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Col. Thomas Asks For The Lists Sent Out by Gen. Farley.

The state historian, Col. John P. Thomas issued on Monday the following circular letter which explains itself: To whom it may concern: The late General Farley, my predecessor, entrusted to a number of his comrades in the war between the states certain printed rolls of companies C. S. A. for revision and amendment. Very few of these rolls have been returned to this office, despite the request already made by the undersigned, through the state press.

Inasmuch as General Farley, in a spirit of soldierly confidence omitted to take the precaution of retaining any copies of the said rolls sent out by him. This office has been depleted to the extent of the missing records. Unless they are returned to the state, to do the work it has undertaken, will be put to additional expense. In some cases the rolls will be beyond restoration.

Under these circumstances, each Confederate soldier to whom my predecessors entrusted rolls of companies is called upon as a matter of obvious duty, to return any roll or rolls in his keeping, promptly to this office and this whether revised or not revised.

This office is further in the possession of only a few of the field and staff of the South Carolina regiments. Any such rolls in the possession of any soldier of the late war will be received as a patriotic contribution to the records of South Carolina as a member of the Southern Confederacy.

JNO P. THOMAS

President Wilborn to Issue an Address.

The alliances of the State of South Carolina are going to be enlisted in very short order in the fight for better prices for the cotton crop. President Wilborn of the Southern Cotton Growers' association recently formed in Atlanta, was in the city for a while yesterday.

While here Mr. Wilborn stated that at the Atlanta convention he had pledged the support of the South Carolina alliance to the cotton growers' movement. In view of this, as president of the State Alliance, he would in the next week issue an address to the sub-alliances of the state, calling upon them to hold special meetings between the first of the year and the second of Friday in January, for the purpose of taking up the plan adopted by the convention and giving it careful consideration.

He feels that the Alliance will stand to the plan adopted to a man, and he wants the South Carolina Alliance men to get in line and help win the fight, just as they did in the battle against the jute trust.

The quarterly meetings of the county Alliances are to be held all over the State on the second Friday in January; hence it is that Mr. Wilborn will appoint some day prior to that time for the sub Alliances to hold these meetings.—The State.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever In One Day.

Claremont Lodge No. 64 A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 44, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, Jan. 6th, at 7 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

L. S. CARSON, W. M. Attest—H. C. MOSS, Sec.

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FOR SALE—One pair large Mare Mules, one medium size Mare Mule, one good milk Cow, one good Two Horse Wagon, one Single Buggy, one good Horse Rake. Apply to W. H. Yates, Sumter, S. C., or S. W. Raffield, Goodwill, S. C. Dec 22—21*

FOR RENT My Manning Avenue Farm, in suburbs of the city. Contains about 25 acres of planting land. Apply to Mrs. T. J. Tuomey. Dec 15—1f

LOST—A Liver Colored Bird Dog (pointer) about eight months old, small liver colored spots all over him, answers to name of "Sport." Reward if returned to I. H. Moses, Jr.

WANTED—A lady teacher for the Tizrah school, Providence Township. Applicant must hold a first grade certificate and furnish references. School opens January 3rd. Address W. D. Carson, Scarborough, S. C., or A. J. Moses, Providence, S. C. Dec 15—3t.

WANTED—Permanent Winter Boarders Rooms comfortable. Terms reasonable. Apply to Mrs. M. L. Doar, Summerville, S. C., Opposite Dorchester Inn.

FOR RENT—The dwelling on Church Street, next door to the undersigned. Contains six rooms, with fire place in each, also pantry and kitchen attached, and water in building. Everything in good order. Apply to MOSES GREEN. Dec 2—1f

SPECIAL NOTICE.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF SUMTER COUNTY, SUMTER, S. C., Dec. 8, 1897.

PERSONS HOLDING CLAIMS against Sumter County will present same at once, duly attested, and persons holding certificates for claims, will furnish Clerk of County Board with a list of same. Call on said clerk for instructions.

Attest: MARION DORN, THOS. V. WALSH, Co. Superv'r. Clerk. Dec 8—3t Sumter Herald and Freeman please copy.

LOOK IT OVER.

Gelatine—Cooter's 10c, pr doz \$1.00
" Cox's 20c, pr doz 2.00
" Nelson's 20c, pr doz 2.00
" Knox's 10c, pr doz 1.20
" Swinborne's 15c, pr doz 1.75

Wine Jelly—Port, Sherry, Madeira, Eng. Punch, 25c
Bromangelon—pure fruit flavors, 15c

Jellies—5-lb pails, assorted varieties, 35c
5-lb Kaffian, pure, assorted, 65c
16-oz Tumblers, assorted, 15c
Curtices pure Fruit Jelly, 10-oz tumblers, 25c
Crabapple, Strawberry, Red Currant, Quince,

Preserves—Peach, Strawberry, Pineapple, 5, 10 and 20 lb Crock, or retail, per lb, 20c
2-lb glass Jar, 50c; 5-lb glass Jar, \$1.25

Canton Ginger—1-lb Jars 25c, 3-lb Jars 60c, 4 1/2-lb Jars 75c.

Sugars—Cut Loaf, 14 lbs for \$1.00
" Powdered, 14 lbs for 1.00
" Standard Gran., 17 lbs for 1.00
" A, 18 lbs for 1.00
" C, 20 lbs for 1.00

Coffee, good Rio, 10 lbs for 1.00
" fancy Rio, 8 lbs for 1.00
" Laguara, 5 lbs for 1.00
" Java, 4 lbs for 1.00
" Mocha, 3 1/2 lbs for 1.00
" Santos, 4 lbs for 1.00
" patched Java, 3 lbs for 1.00
" patched Mocha and Java, 2-lb tin, 70c
" patched Blend, 4 lbs for 1.00
" patched Rio, pkg, 7 lbs for 1.00

Postum Cereal, a healthy table beverage, 20 and 30c

For X'mas Cakes, Breads, &c., use Swansdown Flour.

"Star," "Orange," and "Farris," are the best Hams to be had—any size and fresh stock here.

Fancy whole Rice, 90c per pk, good quality 80c, fair 70c.

Baker's Chocolate, 1/2 lb cakes 20
Millard's Chocolate sweet, 1-5 lb cakes, 5
Wm. Houten's Cocoa can 25
Baker's " " 25
H & H. " 20
Nelson's " 10
Baker's Broma " 25

New Nuts. Almonds, soft shell lb 20
" Taragona " 15
English Walnuts " 15
Pecans, large " 15
" medium " 10
Brazil " 10
Mixed Nuts, good " 12 1/2
Shelled Almonds, finest " 35

New Raisins—California. Lowdon Layer, whole box \$2.25
" " " 1.30
" " " .75
M. J. Jags " retail by lb 12 1/2
Vineyard Clusters, whole box 3.50
" " retail by lb 20
Imperial " whole box 5.50
" " retail by lb 30
Loose Muscat " lb 10
Seedless " 1 lb pkg 15
Seeded " " 12 1/2

Cheese and Macaroni. Grated Parmesan pr bot 25c
Cream, fancy " lb 15c
Cream, good " " 10c
Edam, best " 90c
Pineapple " 50c
Club House, jar 25c
Sapsago, " 12 1/2c
Finest Imp Spazetti, pr pkg 10c
Good " Macaroni " 10c
Butter, " Fancy Fresh, " pr lb 30c
" Gilt Edge " " 25c
" Fair " " 20 to 22c
N. O. Molasses, fancy new, pr gal 50c
" " Choice " 40c
Genuine Table Syrup " 50c
Sap Maple " 1.00
Curtice's Fine Fruit Jams in 1 lb tins. Strawberry, Cherry, 10c
Damsen Plum, Peach, 10c
Rasp and Currant, Pineapple 10c
Plum Pudding, Anderson's, 1 lb can 10c
" " " 2 " 20c
" " " 4 " 40c
" " " 1 " 25c
" " " 2 " 50c
Mince Meat, Atmore's, 5 lb wood 80c
" " " pr lb 12 1/2c
" " Anderson's, 5 lb glass 85c
" " Shield Bd. 5 lb wood 95c
" " " pr lb 10c
Condensed Mince Meat, pr pkg, 10c

Farinaceous Goods. Corn Starch, Duryea's pkg 10c
Farina, Hecker's " 10c
Oatmeal " 10c
Whole Rolled Oats 3 pkgs for 10c
Instantaneous Tapioca pkg 10c
Pettigrew's Bkfst Food " 10c
" Cream of the Wheat " 20c
Cerealine " 20c

Good Things—Deviled Crabs, with shells, 2-lb cans, 25c
Shrimp, can, 25c
Lobsters, can, 25c
Little Neck Clams, can, 10c
" Photo " Salmon, best packed, can, 15c
Boned Chicken, for Salads, can, 25c
Lunch Tongue, can, 25c
Corn, finest Maine, can, 10c
Peas, extra sifted, early June, can, 20c
Peas, sifted, E. J., can, 12 1/2c
Peas, marrowfat, can, 15c
Peas, French, can, 20c
Asparagus, 30 and 40c

Finest Fruit Cake—5 lbs in tin box, \$1.25
2 lbs in box, 50c
1 lb in box, 25c
Also Jelly Cake, Sponge and Pound Cake.

New Dried Fruits—Apples 5c, Peaches, sliced, 15c
Citron, choice, " 15c
Citron, finest, " 20c
Orange Peel, 20c
Lemon Peel, 10c
Currants, cleaned, 1-lb package, 20c
Figs, 7 crown, per lb, 15c
Figs, 5 crown, per lb, 8c
Prunes, medium, 10c
Prunes, large, 15c
Prunes, largest, 10c
Apples, Evaporated, 10c

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A fine mixture at 25c
A good cream at 15c
Chocolate Cream Drops, 15c
Tenny's "pink seal" packages, 1/2, 1 and 2 pound, per lb, 80c

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Sumter, S. C., November 80, 1897.



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